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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I (Claim nos. 1-16), with traverse. While the invention of Group I may be distinct for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, applicant believes that simultaneous examination would not present an undue burden. For example, the claims of Group I are generally drawn to Memory Access for Error Correction Coded Data, classified in class 714, subclass 769; while the claims of Group II are generally drawn to Decoding of Error Correction Coded Data, classified in class 714, subclass 774. Under such circumstances, the Examiner is encouraged to maintain all claims in the same application. See, MPEP § 803.

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All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, early and favorable consideration of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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